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In re application of Barry N. Gellman

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Examiner: Uyen T. Ho

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Art Unit: 3731

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For: **DILATION CATHETER ASSEMBLY AND RELATED METHODS**

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**Response to Office Action**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, the Applicant submits the following Remarks.

As discussed during a telephone call with the Examiner on November 10, 2004, it appears that currently pending claims 53-76 were not considered in the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding Final Office Action and issue a new Office Action, which considers all of the currently pending claims. The Applicant also respectfully requests that the period for reply to any newly issued Office Action be based on the mail date of the newly issued Office Action.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

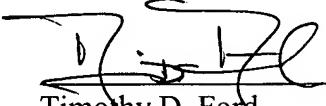
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### TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Enclosed are the following documents in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004 for the above-identified application:

- Response to Office Action
- Return receipt postcard

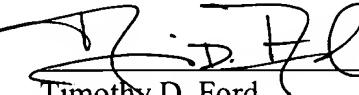
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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